

CLASS WAR



another fucking royal
PARASITE

In 1984 Britain youngsters and adults scavenge on a stinking, festering municipal tip in a bid to keep body and soul together.



Flo Baker, 38, who hasn't been in a clothes shop for years. "Everything I need for my three children is on the tip. I cannot afford to go shopping."

Unemployed steel erector Ivor Anderson: "Just about everything in the house is from the tip. My children go to school in clothes taken from the tip."

In Birkenhead hundreds of adults and kids scabble on rubbish tips for the basic necessities of life. The S.S. sends in its snoopers to make sure anyone rising above starvation level ends up in nick. In Pontefract a striking miners son is killed by falling rubble while scrabbling on a tip for coal. The S.S. refuses to pay for his funeral. **AND PEOPLE STILL ASK US WHAT WE MEAN BY CLASS WAR?**

The reality is that the ruling class are trying to grind the working class into the dust. What use are passive protests and demonstrations going to be this winter as thousands more old people die of cold and hypothermia. This is the violence that the working class are subjected to everyday of their lives. To opt only for the token actions of passive protest is to allow this to continue indefinitely.

The latest royal parasite for us to feed has already 'earned' more in the first few weeks of his life than working class people earn in their entire lives. The rich continue their lives of extravagance and luxury - those who think they will give this up because the 'unfairness' of their wealth is pointed out to them live in a dream world. We do not pussyfoot around on this question. The reality is that only class violence will end this absurd situation of extreme wealth and desperate poverty. There's a class war going on and we want to win it....that means collective confrontation on the streets. The miners are doing it now....**THE SOONER THE REST OF US JOIN IN THE BETTER!**

But what about those people who break into council flats to steal, or mug old people in the streets for a few pounds. They are our enemies as well. Instead of robbing from posh areas or mugging the rich they attack their own kind and class, doing Thatcher's dirty work for her. But we're not hypocrites - we do not call for the police to deal with them or for long prison sentences. We must take action against them ourselves. They are like coppers narks - they grass on their own kind and community. If they will not change we must take physical action against them as well. The rich and those who choose to be traitors to their own class are the same kind of scum in our eyes.

Burial shock for strikers

TWO striking miners have been refused grants to help pay for the burial of their sons.

One case involved Paul Womersley, 14, who was killed near his home in Upton, Wakefield, Yorkshire.

Euro MP Michael McGowan said: "A local Social Security office told his parents that funeral expenses can't be paid for dependants of people in trade disputes."

Coal hunt kid killed

A STRIKING miner's son was killed yesterday as he tried to find coal for his family.

Paul Womersley, 14, was tunnelling into a tip at a disused pit near his home at Upton, near Pontefract, Yorks, when tons of coal collapsed on him.

GET THE MOST FROM THE DHSS - RIP IT OFF!

It's quite easy and profitable to rip off a dole office for about £25 a week for about 3 months.

WHAT YOU NEED: A dole office where they don't know your face, an address nearby, and a bit of cheek.

WHAT TO DO:

Go to the dole office and make a fresh claim in a false name, the I.D. they ask you for is your "national insurance number", say that you've lost it. They will tell you to get a new one: say that you will. Give the address of the sympathisers nearby. You haven't claimed before or worked before: say your parents are rich and they looked after you when you left school, but now they've gone to live in Paris; or that you lived on some hippy commune in Wales. Give them a past they can't trace. Now you are signing on in a false name and receiving giros. HA! I used to do this in 3 different names and received £75 per week (a good working wage that). After 2, 3 maybe even 6 months, they will start hassling you for your "national insurance number". I do know people who have sent away for national insurance no.s in false names and got them! But more than likely they start asking you for interviews about your past etc.. You could bluff your way through this but it's best to just disappear and stop signing on (if you get caught, you could get up to 2 years inside). If anybody visits the false address your sympathisers just say "Oh, them! they moved out a few days ago, I don't know where they went."

IT'S A BOY!

Once again the same old headlines are plastered across the front pages of all the dailies, we are confronted by special extended editions of the news, there are special features in all the glossy magazines... all of them tell us we should celebrate, celebrate the birth of 'prince' Henry. But why should we celebrate, this bullshit has no bearing on our lives. Just another 'royal' born ready to sponge off us for the rest of his life.

It's obscene that we should be told to celebrate the birth of one into privilege when thousands die each year because they can't afford a decent meal, or heating for the slum they are forced to call home.

It's an insult for the millions of ordinary people in this country who slog their guts out for fifty years with nothing to look forward to but a pathetic pension that will keep them in poverty for the rest of their days.

No we won't celebrate, we won't celebrate 'till the last 'royal', the last law maker, the last of the bosses, have all been pulled from their position of power and privilege and we are finally free.

Why not rip the state off?! they've ripped off our whole lives!

You may need false I.D. to cash the giros with. It is possible to get a post office savings book with no I.D. and a couple of quid, but the G.P.O. are putting a stop to that now and asking for I.D., because people had sussed out how to rip off P.O. books for 100's of quid.

It is possible to look in the births and deaths registrar and find some-one about your age who has died recently and go and obtain their birth certificate. This is the best false I.D. you could have, and can lead to a driving licence and passport etc. in that false name, but that, like the Post Office savings book, is another story!

Adapted from "TOWARDS THE ECONOMIC COLLAPSE OF THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM"

By I. FRAUD.

STUNNING Bo Derek, star of the smash-hit film 10, is backing our fabulous win a £1 million game, Who Dares Wins.

"What would I do if I won the Mirror's million? First, I'd donate the greater part of it to those strong charities that fight against cruelty to children. There are few tragedies

in life worse than battered children."



PISS OFF RICH SCUMBAG

"The other way I'd use the money, say, if I was living in Britain is by starting a little factory to provide work for people who need it badly."

"Whoever wins your prize, I just hope it is someone who really needs it."

If you think CLASS WAR'S a good crack then you should also have a butchers at PRACTICAL ANARCHY....Autonomy Press 4th Floor, 64 Queen St. Glasgow and SHEFFIELD ANARCHIST....P.O. Box 217, Sheffield and KNEE DEEP IN SHIT c/o 127 Thornton Rd. Bradford and also CROWBAR, 121 Railton Rd. Brixton, London SE24, and ACTIVIST, Box A c/o 82 Lark Lane, Liverpool 17. and VERBAL ASSAULT, Box A, 4 Onslow Rd. Southampton and DERBY AGITATOR c/o 39 Denbigh St. Chaddesdon, Derby.

OPEN UP THE SECOND FRONT

state of play.

In the terrain of industrial dispute we can claim, without the slightest fear of contradiction, that the miners strike has gone far beyond anything seen on mainland Britain. No mere wage struggle this, with everything played according to the book (i.e. mostly non-violent excepting of course the police). The positive aspects of this strike, that have on occasion erupted into brutal class war, are evident even for those of us who rely upon the sickening diet of newspapers and television for our misinformation.

So, what do we regard as positive?

1. Mass proletarian violence that has ranged from set-piece confrontations involving thousands of massed pickets and police. Not only the classic push and shove tussle, but full scale riots with intensive stone throwing, barricade building, wreckage and arson.

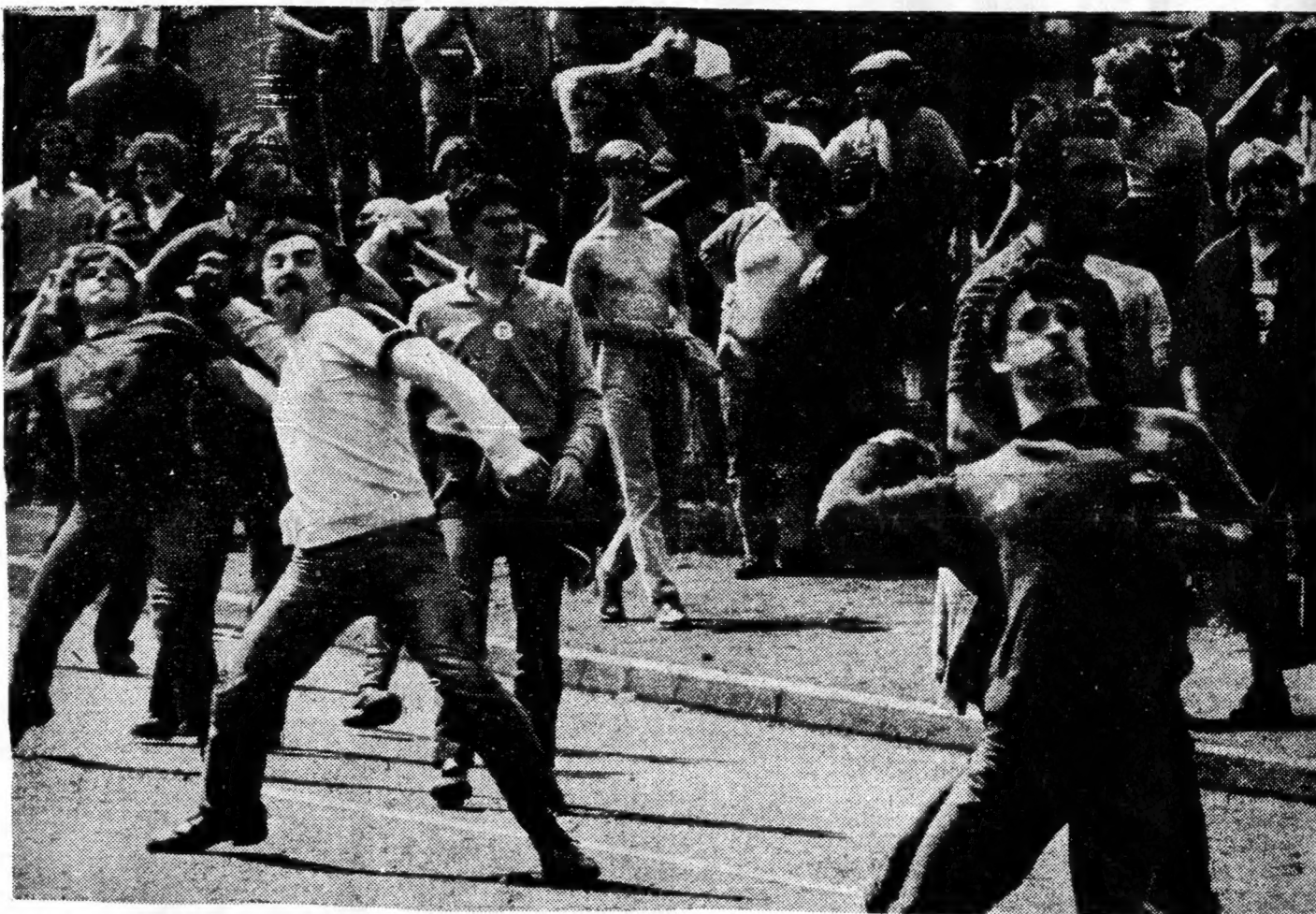
2. Violence not only at colliery gates and power plants, but police stations in pit villages attacked without warning, police and scab convoys ambushed, the birth of 'Paramilitary' Hit Squads causing vast amounts of damage to NCB property. Cowboy outfits profiting from strike breaking and related activities have also been visited. Nothing within living memory has ever happened here on such an extensive scale. Not only have the police deployed riot equipment but such scenes have become commonplace. A precedent for the future?

3. The spirit of determination exhibited by the strikers, holding out against the massive police onslaught while showing no sign of caving in to pig intimidation.

4. Allied to this is the fact that the communities in solid areas are standing together with no intention of slinking back to work defeated. The strength of this struggle derives not only from the workplace but the community. (By community we don't mean the idealistic pipe dream of some inner city lefty gentrification, but a vibrant living entity). The impressive involvement of women support groups is a product of this.

5. As an added bonus, scattered reports and rumours, somewhat difficult to substantiate at the moment, have been percolating down to us that some groups of miners no longer care whether they return to work or not. Others, in spite of the obvious hardships, are enjoying the longest break in their working lives. The re-possession of videos and t.v. sets haven't caused mass outbreaks of despair contrary to expectations. Violent class conflict has temporarily freed a section of the working class from hollow consumerism. We've also heard that small groups of miners are beginning to show an interest in anarchist politics.

We don't see the miners as passive victims of police brutality. In the heat of class war many are indeed on the receiving end of police boots and truncheons but as far as we're concerned the more violence and injuries the miners inflict on the police the better. However, the strikers have shown extraordinary signs of autonomous initiative, ignoring union pleas to keep it within limits that have crippled the working class. Hit squads, attacks on police stations, incidents during the mass pickets such as Orgreave are an indication, a pointer to unknown territory. It's not the purpose of this article to 'criticise' Scargill and the N.U.M. Sufficient to say that we don't in any way regard the unions as revolutionary organisations. The time for post-mortems will be after any sell-out. But neither is it our task to berate other comrades for their rightful criticisms.



At this point we'd also like to mention some of the negative aspects of this struggle.

1). The striking miners are not questioning, so far, the nature of unionism, its role in capitalist society, the system. This probably won't happen until the final phase of the dispute, particularly if any sell-out or compromise is too blatant.

2). There's no denying that the police, in some areas, have constituted themselves into a virtual army of occupation, employing a terror so far only experienced by the rebellious young of the decaying inner cities. The police have also had the chance to perfect the future strategy of state repression. Still, it's better the pigs suffer their casualties in a genuine struggle than in riot training. The strikers, not without cost (over 5,000 arrests) have also learnt a thing or two.

3). The ferocity of the struggle has tended to obscure a glaring fact. The miners stand alone. Below, we hope to indicate an untried path that could remedy this situation. Drastic action that doesn't require the 'assistance' of the T.U.C.

4). Perhaps the most repellent aspect has been the behaviour of the self-proclaimed leftist vanguards. Swooping like trained hawks they see the conflict in terms of paper sales and eventual recruitment. It goes without saying that the majority of these individuals are from a background far removed from that of the proletarian fraternity. Nevertheless the amount of demoralisation they are capable of causing is tremendous, perhaps more so in the wake of the strike. Even when performing what appears to be useful tasks such as collecting money 'For the miners' rumours abound about misappropriation of cash raised, some of it apparently being hived off into party projects.

5). Even more revolting (if such things can be imagined) is the attitude of the TUC and Labour party, whose leaders are more concerned with preventing proletarian violence than winning the strike. Kinnock is even resorting to a form of left-nationalism in his pathetic attempts to

curb the healthy development of class violence. Its "Alien to the temperament and the intelligence of the British trade union movement". Nor will ballots. Instinctively, if nothing else, the strikers are aware of this, yet still they listen and tolerate Labour politicians prattling on about 'Victory' at their rallies. Politically the strikers have yet to make the break. But that's not to say it won't happen

Masked miners hold jetty

POLICE today surrounded a jetty used to bring in coal and iron ore at the giant Port Talbot steelworks in South Wales, occupied during the night by around 100 striking miners.

The men moved in under cover of darkness in a carefully planned operation which they described as a gesture of support for striking dockers.

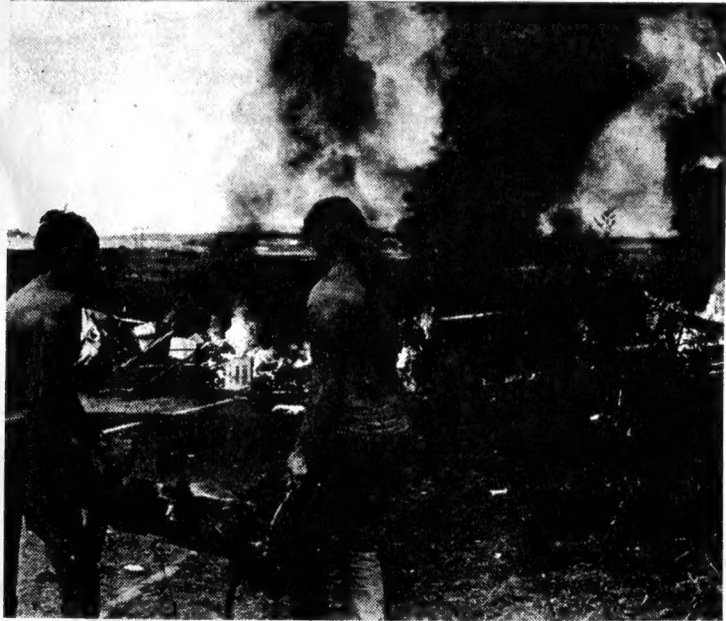
The occupation has halted the unloading of coal vital to keep both Port Talbot and Llanwern steelworks, 50 miles away, in operation.

The miners, wearing balaclava helmets and some carrying pickaxe handles, drove to the steelworks in 12 minibuses, timing their entry to coincide with a change in shift of the security guards.

Dodging high-powered searchlights, they made their way to the jetty and climbed the huge gantries used to discharge the bulk carriers.



Never mind the Left, Labour Party and TUC. What has the anarchist contribution been? Collecting for the miners may ease the conscience of some anarchists. Sure, we all give money for food but really there isn't all that much difference between collecting for the strikers and the starving of Africa. Going to the picket lines makes no real overall difference. What's another couple of dozen here or there mean? Most of the anarchist papers do little but pour out irrelevances. A class war raging and one calls for a ballot! Others go to the other extreme and print articles offering full support - to the NUM bureaucracy! Another idiot writes that the miners can be starved into revolution!



So, after 6 months of this momentous strike, with the prospect of it lasting in 1985, we seriously propose a state of minor insurgency as the real anarchist contribution. In the past, we of the autonomist/class war type current have been ridiculed when we predicted mass political violence on the streets during the comparatively tranquil mid-70s. With the struggle against the nazis, the foundations were laid for the uprisings of '81. Again we predicted this occurrence fairly accurately. Far from being passive commentators or spectators many of us were part of the events. Simultaneously we looked forward to insurgent strikes of a continental variety. And to a certain degree it's been blazing away for months. So as the strike enters the winter months with the possibility of power cuts, we put forward these as yet rough suggestions to genuine revolutionaries and anarchists who aren't of the wally variety.

- 1). To organise from within the movement, as we've done in the past by word of mouth and the usual informal contacts meetings involving delegates from as many trustworthy anarchist groups as possible.
- 2). Planning deliberate spectacular mini-riots as soon as the power cuts arrive. (Or, failing that, late afternoon darkness). The aim being to spark off your own aim being to spark off trouble in the major urban areas, thus drawing police out of the mining areas.

WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT...

At Bentley pickets went on a wrecking and looting spree and overturned a 52-seater bus which they dragged with a crane to form a barricade at the entrance to the local pit.

Residents reported seeing men breaking into the stores and leaving with their arms full of donkey jackets and pick-axe handles. At Edlington, barricades were erected and set alight near Yorkshire Main Colliery.



POLICE fought pitched battles with rioting youths in North-East pit villages today.

Police in riot gear battled with rampaging gangs of youths.

Stunned traders spoke of an orgy of destruction with thousands of pounds in damage caused to cars, windows and a disused pub.

Alan White, the 35-year-old owner of the Pit Stop Garage, on Murton's main street, told of pitched battles between police and stone-throwing youths.

He was called to his premises shortly before 11 p.m. where kiosk windows had been smashed and three car windscreens and two side windows shattered by gangs.

He said more than £1,000 damage was done.

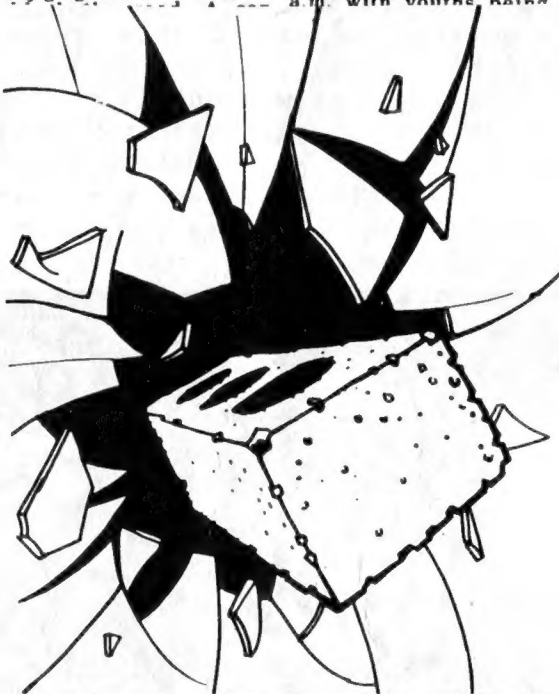
"The trouble was basically caused by six youths. They dragged trailers from my garage and used them to

written-off in an accident yesterday was also dragged on to the road and set alight.

"Fifty people then became involved and when 20 policemen arrived they were driven back when stones were thrown at them."

The barricade and gang or youths remained until after midnight when more than 100 police, some with dogs, formed a line and, with batons drawn, charged.

The gang dispersed but incidents continued until 2.30 a.m. with youths being



HOW TO ACHIEVE THIS WORTHY TASK

As proved on the July anti-Reagan demo we can cause thousands of pounds worth of damage without suffering a single arrest, if well planned and co-ordinated. Judging by 'Stop the City' turnouts and our own interventions we can raise a force of at least 200 in London alone. This may be a conservative estimate. Obviously we don't intend squandering people in a face to face confrontation, as we may need to repeat the performance. Besides, we're not of the martyr material. In case the sceptical reader may wonder how such a plan could be achieved, here's a brief scenario. Of course it's only by comrades working together that we can oil out the mechanics of the operation.

- 1). Thanks to the Electricity Board publicising where blackouts occur, we could assemble in a certain area at a pre-arranged time. Any sign of abnormal police presence would mean postponement.
- 2). The ideal area would be a shopping area such as a high street. The crowds providing perfect cover when assembling our teams. Plenty of escape routes would be necessary. Gloves, scarfs and balaclavas wouldn't arouse suspicion during the winter.
- 3). At a pre-arranged signal upon the advent of lights out, the mob could condense within seconds, swinging into action. Parked cars should be dragged across the road turned over, or even set alight, forming barricades, and causing traffic chaos there by making police access more difficult. Windows must be smashed, looting encouraged. Those police first on the scene, if small in number, could be resisted with bricks and other throwable material. Before they can gather sufficient strength, again at a pre-arranged signal, we'd disperse into the darkness.
- 4). Headlines captured it wouldn't take long for the example to spread. Against this background we'd blend, time to add our political dimension.

- 5). Propaganda urging the opening of a second front, with the attendant looting and rioting, must appear beforehand. It should be made clear that these actions are a deliberate effort to spread class conflict as opened by the miners strike. While the spreading of propaganda is an important task, we can't afford to dilute our numbers by having some engaging in their own individual actions simultaneously as has happened in recent times. Not only do they draw numbers away but these alternative actions mysteriously fail to appear. As a side interest this would show who really meant business and who was all mouth. No one group should lead it, this is our common task. We've just contributed with this suggestion, now's the time to discuss the matter seriously. There is no alternative as far as we can see. It's all right to sloganise about setting up factory committees or community councils and call for a general strike. As these don't seem to be materialising it all remains a comfortable abstraction. We're not the vanguard but as a tiny fraction of the class the plan mapped out above is the only realistic action we can indulge ourselves in, gain results for the miners AND ourselves.

ROCK ON TOMMY

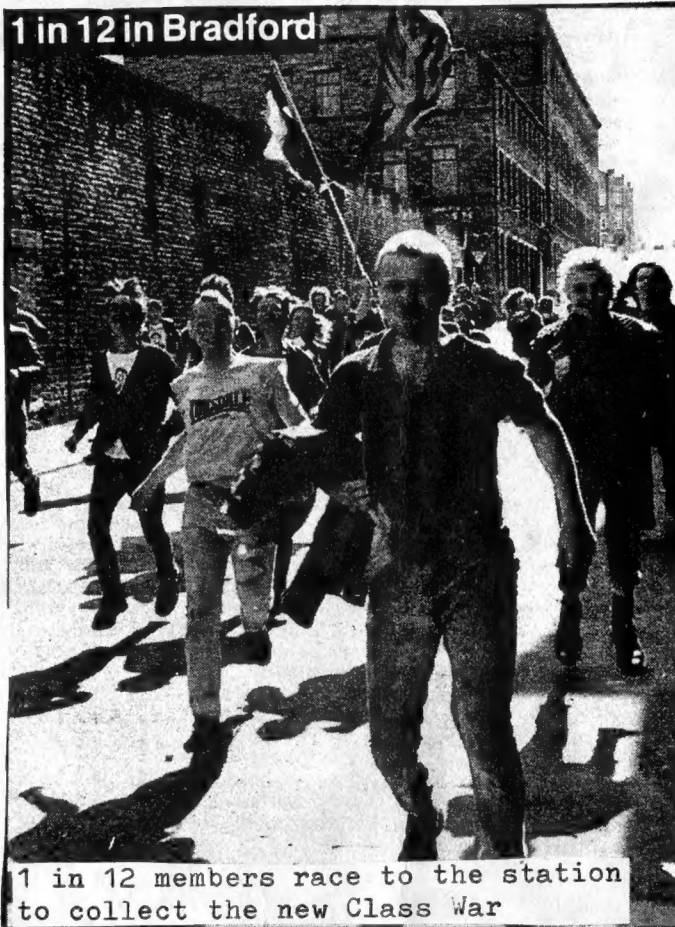
BRADFORD

Fed up paying rip off prices to see bands. The 1 in 12 Club in Bradford has the answer. Named after the 1 in 12 of all claimants who HMG reckons are on the fiddle, its a club set up and controlled by its members..... who now number over 1,000!! You pay 50p to get in and bands are paid 75% of the door take with the rest going towards the club. But the 1 in 12 isn't just about putting bands on, its a centre for all kinds of political activity- squatting, miners support actions, general trouble making. There's a regular mag....Knee Deep in Shit...and a just out L.P. of bands who've played the club. The best thing about the 1 in 12 is that its genuinely popular and not controlled by some trendy elite. The idea deserves to spread and it has.

The Black and Red Club in Liverpool is now off the ground and aims to run on similar lines...its now on Thursdays at the Mitre pub, Dale St. If Bradford and Liverpool can do it what's everyone else waiting for!!

1 in 12 Club...127 Thornton Rd, Bradford.....Black and Red Club...Box BR, 82 Lark Lane, Liverpool 17.

1 in 12 in Bradford



1 in 12 members race to the station to collect the new Class War

CAMDEN

Sex shops! Those disgusting places where they sell videos of women being raped and murdered and call it fun! Places that perpetuate the ideas behind rape, and behind sex being a game, a violent act, a power struggle. **PORN=THEORY, RAPE=PRACTICE.** Some Camden residents have caused their local sex shop on Camden Rd., to close down through a year or so of constant paint bomb, graffiti and brick attacks (the only reason it wasn't firebombed is because some people live above it!). That particular sex shop is no longer open, which just goes to show that constant and organised **DIRECT ACTION** does work. The owners were constantly told through letters why it was being done. I hope it makes them think.

**ANARCHY AND FREEDOM
CAMDEN STREET MILITIA.**

YORKSHIRE

(Shooting butts are small, bunker like constructions, made of layers of peat and heather in which the rich "landed gentry" can stand, unseen, and shoot at grouse as they fly past.- each line of butts has an estimated cost of £5000 for repair and maintainance, therefore, the estimated total cost of the nights action is about £100 000...)

The action was taken in order to hinder as much as possible, the rich bastards and their lackys who will start a season of "fun" by killing hundreds and thousands of grouse on the moors.

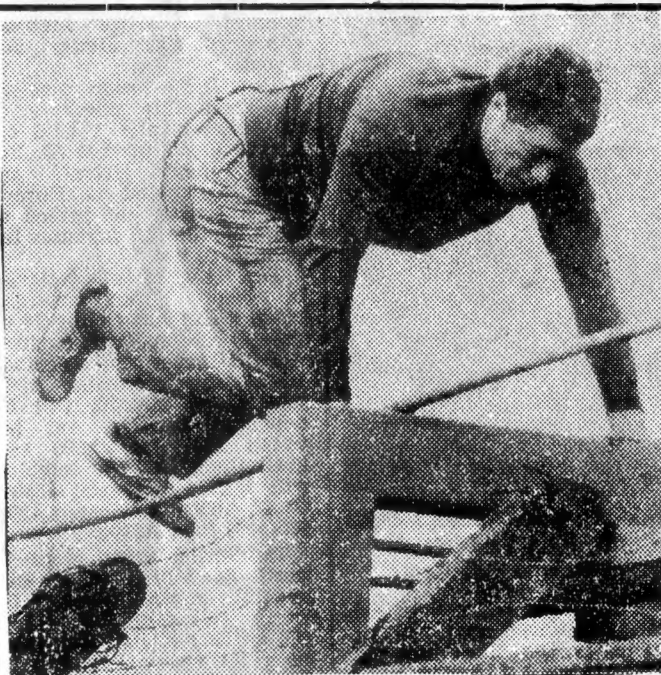
The action went well, most of the butts were destroyed, dismantled or badly damaged, and all activists, (as far as I can gather,) returned home safely.

This action was only a taste of what is to come, and, rest assured, further sabbing of the grouse-shooting scum will take place

The Animal Liberation Front is currently carrying out at least three actions everyday against animal exploiters in Britain. The link between the rich bastards-with their fur coats, hunting and grouse hunting-and animal exploitation is obvious. Many of the targets are the leisure pursuits of the wealthy. Several businesses-including a mink farm-have had to close down because of repeated physical damage being done to them. **DIRECT ACTION** does work! Here's just one example of what the A.L.F. are up to.

WHAT, NO BUTTS.....?

On the evening of 1st August/ morning of 2nd August, ten groups of ten animal rights activists from different north-west A/R groups, staged a large, well-organised attack on a total of 20 rows of shooting butts (each having 12 butts per row - total: 240 butts.), in the Yorkshire moors.



Shipyard workers defy court

More than 40 shipyard workers are still occupying 2 vessels at Cammell Laird, Birkenhead in defiance of a High Court order to leave the yard. They are protesting against compulsory redundancies which have cut the workforce from 3,300 to 1,700. Bailiffs are expected to move in at any time but the men have barricaded themselves on an oil accommodation rig with enough food and drink to last more than a month. Billy Albertina, chairman of the occupation committee has said "We will not be coming off these vessels, no matter what." Striking miners from Bold Colliery, St. Helens have been to the occupation and shipyard workers from Clyde, Tyne and Barrow are organising national support for the sit-in. In the event of attempted eviction a large mob outside the yard will be needed to help resistance.

GLASGOW UNEMPLOYED STORM PRICE WATERHOUSE

At 7.30 am on Tuesday, 4th September, twelve unemployed members of the Clydeside Anarchist Group stormed a multi-storey office block in Glasgow's city centre. In what was described as a "military style operation" by the Glasgow Herald, they went in to occupy the 13th floor office headquarters of the Price Waterhouse firm, the millionaire accountancy outfit which sequestrated the South Wales Miners' funds. Within minutes they had slung out a security officer and barricaded themselves in the offices by fixing 3 millimetre thick steel plate over the doors and putting up barricades.

With the police unable to gain entry, they spelt out their demands to Price Waterhouse: that the South Wales Miners' funds be restored to them and that the firm would undertake no further sequestrations. Predictably, the head office in Birmingham refused to do either. Meanwhile two 60-foot banners were stretched round the outside of the block reading: **GLAGOW BACKS THE MINERS** and **UNEMPLOYED SOLIDARITY**. Thousands of leaflets explaining the action were handed out at job centres and dole offices all over Glasgow and news of the occupation was sent immediately to South Wales NUM.

In the late afternoon the occupants ended their action on the understanding that Price Waterhouse themselves would press no charges. They were grabbed by the police and taken away to the local nick where the twelve were strip-searched and then charged with breach of the peace and malicious damage. They face considerable fines and will be on trial on the 10th of December. Since all twelve defendants are on the dole they will find any fine very hard to meet. All contributions to their defense fund should be sent to: Autonomy Press, 4th Floor, 64 Queen Street, Glasgow.

The rest of the working class must join the miners by taking the offensive against the boss class. Solidarity goes beyond just collecting money. And it's no good waiting for the power cuts before we start causing trouble.

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VICTORY TO THE HIT SQUADS!

THREE burning barricades across the road faced police who escorted a solitary miner into Silverwood colliery, Rotherham, yesterday. It was still dark when, at 3.45 am, pickets mounted a hit-and-run attack on police vehicles. They slipped out of the wood, hurled stones and metal bars, and disappeared again into the depths of the wood.

The first barricade police found was a burning tree across the colliery approach road. While Mr Massey was still being escorted police found further barricades in the road running alongside the colliery. The first was built of materials stolen from the site of a house extension, a cement mixer, stone that the pickets had removed from a wall, a scrap car taken from a breaker's yard, burning furiously, and much else.

The second barricade was made of scrap vehicles, a generator, a cement mixer, a pick-up van from a builder's yard, supermarket trolleys, and wood.

At Markham Main pickets used a crane, taken from the pit yard, to barricade the road with concrete blocks, and hijacked an excavator to help in the building of the barricade.

Strikers would rather mine closed than work with 'scab'

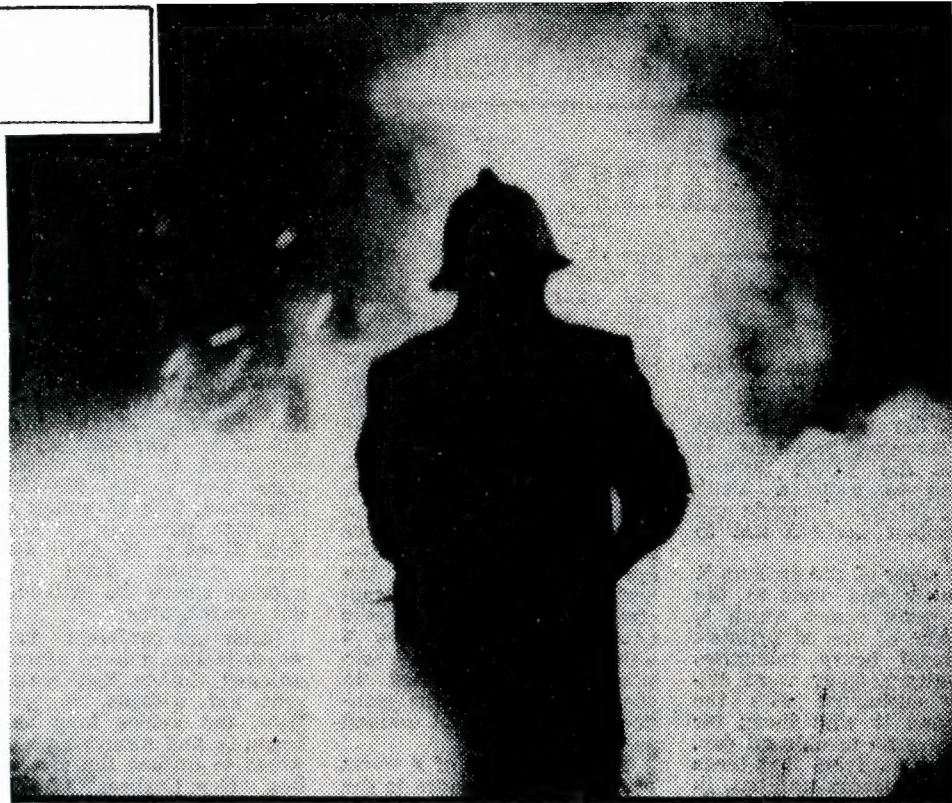
CLASS WAR PIN-UPS



* BIG BUMMED, PC BILLY *
* BOLLOCK IS OUR FIRST *
* BLOODY BACK PAGE *
* BULLY BOY PIN UP. HIS *
* HOBBIES INCLUDE HEA- *
* DING BRICKS AND KIS- *
* SING PICKETS' BOOTS. *

hospitalised coppers no.1

A policeman being helped away after he was injured during picketing at Gascoigne Wood colliery yesterday.



A fireman fights a field blaze started by petrol bombs at Kiverton Park Colliery.

Paramilitaries join pickets

A return to work by a few miners in South Yorkshire caused a day of violence yesterday, in which barricades blazed, a village had to be sealed off by police, and the National Coal Board reported "a sinister new development" - pickets wearing paramilitary uniform.

According to the NCB, about 50 "paramilitaries," wearing balaclava helmets and camouflage jackets and overalls, were milling around two barricades built by pickets outside Bentley colliery, Doncaster. Later, about 20 similarly dressed men arrived outside Markham Main colliery, at Armthorpe.

The worst violence was at Markham Main Colliery. Police sealed off the nearby village of Armthorpe because they could not guarantee the safety of anyone passing through. Bus services were withdrawn because of reports that pickets were stoning any vehicle passing through.

Pit strike 'more violent than inner city riots'

Mr Tony Clement, an assistant chief constable of South Yorkshire police, said he had firm reports about the paramilitaries, but had not seen them himself. "If this sort of thing is happening, it adds a new dimension," he said.

"To have roving bands of seemingly well-disciplined and determined people, deliberately causing damage to pit equipment, that is a new dimension, and something we have to gear ourselves up to."

Other pickets roamed the colliery, causing damage to lighting and television monitoring equipment. Managers at the colliery, who should have left work at about 6 am, were trapped there and not relieved until noon.

At Bentley colliery pickets used a coal board bus and a colliery van, which they overturned to build barricades. Police had to get a crane to clear the vehicles.

Petrol bomb found after mass picketing of plant

Last week's meeting of the ITC's executive decided to arrange for four bodyguards to mount a constant watch on their general secretary, Bill Sirs, during his time at the TUC conference in Brighton the week after next.

A DOG training club has been closed down after a "siege" by more than 100 wives of striking miners.

The club's instructor, grandmother Mrs. Rae Massey, whose husband is a working miner, was pelted with stones, eggs and clods of earth by the 'petticoat pickets'.

Airgun yobs join pickets

WPC hurt as soldiers and youths battle

PICKET - LINE thugs armed with airguns and catapults waged a bloody four-hour war on police yesterday.

Three officers were hurt and five miners' pickets arrested in bitter mob clashes outside Maltby Colliery, near Rotherham. Police chiefs claimed airguns were fired at dog

handlers and ballbearings were shot from catapults. Road signs and walls were torn down and used as missiles and to build barricades. And the 600 police on duty were subjected to a barrage of bricks, bottles and stones, it was alleged.

A police woman was in hospital in Canterbury yesterday after a street battle between troops and local youths in Dover's market square late on Saturday night.

Police said that at one stage about 200 people were in the area either involved or watching the two sides fighting.

Three police men were injured as 60 youths fought a pitched battle in the usually quiet Oxford town of Wallingford on Saturday night. Thames Valley police said some of the youths were armed with pickaxe handles during the battle in the market square.